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SUBJECT: REPORT OF GKR/GRUNK CONTACTS IN BONN

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ON SEPTEMBER 9 FORMER GKR PRIME MINISTER, HANG THUN HAK, SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT FRG SOUTHEAST ASIAN DIRECTOR BERENDONCK HAD ARRANGED A MEETING SEPTEMBER 4 IN BONN BETWEEN YEM SARONG (GKR AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND WHO WAS APPARENTLY HAK'S SOURCE) AND ISOUP GHANTY (GRUNK OFFICIAL WHO, ACCORDING TO HAK, HAD BEEN GRUNK CHARGE IN TIRARA AND LATER IN THE DELEGATION GENERAL IN STOCKHOLM). HAK WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR ABOUT WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING SIX-HOUR CONVERSATION. THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF A COMPROMISE CONCERNING THE UN CREDENTIALS FIGHT WHICH APPARENTLY AT LEAST INCLUDED A DISCUSSION OF THE GKR'S VACATING THE UN SEAT WITH THE GRUNK AGREEING NOT TO ATTEMPT TO FILL IT. ISOUP GHANTY APPARENTLY ALSO DISCUSSED PROBLEMS WITHIN GRUNK LEADERSHIP, POINTING OUT THAT IENG SARY KEPT KHIEU SAMPHAN ON TIGHT LEASH. GENERAL TENOR WAS THAT NATIONALISTS WERE

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HAVING PROBLEMS WITH VIETNAM-LEANING COMMUNISTS.(EMBASSY

NOTE: LOCAL DRV EMBASSY OFFICIAL LE VAN DAO APPLIED TO VISIT BONN IN MID-AUGUST. THIS APPLICATION MAY HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH GKR/GRUNK MEETING).

2. HAK SAID THAT SIHANOUK'S FIRST WIFE (WHO ACCOMPANIED HER AUNT THE QUEEN TO PRC) HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT SIHANOUK AND HIS FRIENDS ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF A REPUBLIC. PROPOSAL APPARENTLY INCLUDED PROVISION FOR LON NOL TO STEP DOWN, LEAVE CAMBODIA, AND PERMIT FREE GENERAL ELECTIONS. ISOUP KHANTY'S REMARKS INDICATED SUCH A PROPOSAL COULD BE CONSIDERED.

3. HAK COMMENTED THAT WHILE VARIOUS CIVILIANS WOULD BE FLEXIBLE IN WORKING OUT A SOLUTION WITH THE OTHER SIDE, MANY OF THE FANK MILITARY WOULD TRY TO BLOCK A SETTLEMENT. THE U.S. MUST THEREFORE KEEP KHMER MILITARY IN LINE AS THE CIVILIANS WORKED OUT A SOLUTION.

4. WE ARE UNAWARE HERE OF THE DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY OF ABOVE INFORMATION. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REDUCE CLASSIFICATION AND RELAX DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTION.
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